



## December Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2023

### Members

- **Present:** Jill Newby, Rick Homkes, Janna Hyman, Reba Casler, Erica Parvin, Jeremy Burns, Cheri Helmberger
- **Absent:** None
- **Guest(s):** None

Meeting started at 5:35 pm

### Topics

- **Minutes:** Reba made a motion, seconded by Cheri to accept minutes after spelling corrections. Vote to accept 7-0.
- **Treasurer Report:** Park Playground fund now totaling \$141,625.00.

### Old Business

- **Community Center Playground Park Fundraisers**

Project "Kids Helping Build Playground". Jobs remaining to do for this fundraiser.

  1. Final name to be decided.
  2. Create a form that will be handed out to Western students in all buildings.
  3. Information to be posted on PTO page.
  4. Contact Judi Johnson to help create Venmo account for fundraising donations.
  5. Rick is going to contact RCO for help with Venmo. Erica said many organizations are going to Zeffy instead of Venmo.
- **Corporate Donors**
  - Martin Marietta, Jill will ask for an in-kind of stone to be used as a base for the shelter and playground.
  - Merrell Bros., No news.
  - Beck Seeds, Jill has contact and computer form.
  - Haynes International, Jill has had no response from the email sent to John Patterson, or the call made to the VP of Human Resources.
  - Kings, Rick waiting for call back.
  - Solidarity, Janna is to meet with Jessica after New Year.
  - McClures, Cheri has had no response from Corporate in Marion.
- **Russiaville Town Park**
  - New Swing Structure: Jill and Janna met with Nick Runyon about where to put the new swing structure. Our original place to put it didn't have enough Fall Zone



room, meaning we would have to extend the play area toward the basketball court. The other option would be to move Gaga pit and remove the monkey bars. Project is tabled by Town Council due to possibility of making a full Basketball court.

- Bubble Panel and Bongo Drums: Panel has been delivered and installed. Bongo drums have been ordered through AAA.
- **Park Rule Signs**
  - Signs were placed at the pond and Park rules sign was attached to the shelter in Russiaville Town Park. A No Motorized Vehicles on the Walking Trail sign was placed at the Community Center Park
- **Compost at Water Treatment Plant**
  - Rick is going to Rossville to see an example of a Compost Drop-Off site.
  - Mikki Jeffers gave a talk about Recycling at the Lions Club on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **2024 Rush to Russiaville Craft Fair**
  - Park and Tree Board have reserved a table to be used to promote and inform about our organization.

### **New Business**

- **2024 Park and Tree Board Officers**
  - Chair - Jill Newby
  - Vice Chair – Reba Casler
  - Treasurer - Rick Homkes
  - Secretary - Janna Hyman
- **Greg Aaron and PlayPros**
  - Jill, Rick, and Janna met with Greg Aaron who now works for PlayPros. Second meeting set up for December 12, 2023.
- **Meeting with TIF Board**
  - Jill, Janna, and Rick met with TIF Board at their November 2023 meeting to discuss a donation for the CCP-Project. TIF Board concerns were over restroom maintenance. Meeting next on December 28th 2023 at 6:00 pm.
- **Meeting with Rossville Restroom Concerns**
  - Rick met with Rossville to discuss restroom vandalism, they said they had one major act in ten years.
- **Meeting with Jeff Lipinski Follow-up**
  - Jeff reported to Jill that we should be at one of the County Commissioners meetings in January to present our plea.
- **Tree City USA**
  - Rick reported application was submitted to the Arbor Day Foundation and IDNR.



**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion made by Rick, seconded by Janna. Vote 7-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

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